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KENT, NACEY JR.

"The President of the United States of America, authorized by Title 10, Section 6742, United States Code, awards the Air Force Cross to Sergeant Nacey Kent, Jr., for extraordinary heroism in military operations against an opposing armed force as an AC-47 Flight Engineer near Pleiku, Republic of Vietnam on 5 May 1968. On that date, Sergeant Kent and the AC-47 crew were defending Pleiku Air Base against a hostile mortar and rocket attack when their aircraft was critically damaged by a hostile projectile. Although Sergeant Kent's leg was broken in the ensuing crash, he helped the enlisted crew to evacuate, reentered the burning aircraft to carry the seriously wounded navigator to safety, and then entered the aircraft again to aid the other crew members and to fight the fire...."